

Aruba Police Force joins with Homeland Security on document fraud prevention



ORANJESTAD -- Just recently a special course regarding identification fraud was organized by the Homeland Security with the Aruba Police Force as their host. Not only did officers from the Aruba Police Force attend, but so did members of the Immigration and Border team, as well as colleagues from Venezuela, Curacao and Sint Maarten.

According to Mr. Rocco Tjong of our local police, with

the fight against organized crime, it is vital that we who work on the frontiers be well equipped regarding this matter. He emphasize that it is important for our police to be able to detect when someone is trying to enter Aruba with a false document.

Two instructors who are working with Homeland Security came from the US to facilitate the course, "Document Fraud Identification Course."

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Major Hurricane Raymond threatens Mexico coast

ACAPULCO (AFP) - A powerful Hurricane Raymond swirled off Mexico's Pacific coast yesterday, forcing schools to close and hundreds to evacuate in a region reeling from recent deadly floods and landslides.

The southwestern state of Guerrero, which was pummeled by Tropical Storm Manuel last month, closed schools for 35,000 children, shut down seaports and evacuated some 850 people, officials said.

Rain has already been drenching the tourist resort of Acapulco since late Sunday, causing water to rise up the knees in some neighborhoods where 40 people were evacuated.

Raymond was slowly drifting northward after growing into a major hurricane, reaching Category Three force on the five-level Saffir-Simpson scale, the US National Hurricane Center said, warning that the storm could strengthen.

The storm was packing maximum sustained winds of 120 miles (195 kilometers) per hour, threatening to dump more heavy rain, produce large waves and flooding, the center said in its latest bulletin.

The hurricane was creeping at two miles (four kilometers) per hour some 115 miles (185 kilometers) southwest of Zihuatanejo and 165 miles (265 kilometers) from the resort of Acapulco, both located in Guerrero.

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Chamber of Commerce in favor of rising pension age



ORANJESTAD -- Last week a delegation of the Aruba Chamber of Commerce visited Prime Minister Eman in his capacity as formatter of the new government. The

meeting, according to Mr. Khan, President of the Chamber went very flexible. Both parties know what the problems are on Aruba and what must be done in the near fu-

ture. We must work together to solve the problems and face the challenges. "This is not something for the government alone, but for the entire community and the commercial world."

One of the points says Khan, which deserves much attention, is the matter of the graying of the community. In 2022 one third of the island will be over 65 years. The Chamber is in favor of rising the pension age. This, claims Khan, will solve a lot of problems. Another point of concern that was discussed is our public finances. The Chamber presented various alternatives to help the APFA fund.

The Chamber also believes that we must continue the National Dialogues. However, they desire to see more professionalism in these discussions. There should be a formal secretariat, a website where all information is available. As soon as a protocol is signed, this should appear on the website for everyone to read. Likewise, certain important documents and reports should be immediately available on the website. In this fashion the community can participate in the process.

For the Chamber, according to Khan, the next National Dialogue must be to discuss the pension age.

The Social Dialogue must deal with the pension, AOV and the graying of the community. Also the AZV, as the expenses of this department will also increase due to the graying of the community. This is a package that cannot be dealt with separately. These are problems we face which need our immediate attention, according to President Chairman, Jamal Khan.

Santa Rosa working together with CEDEHM on Breast Cancer awareness

ORANJESTAD -- on Saturday, October 18, CEDEHM, IBISA, SVB and Santa Rosa initiated a project dubbed... "Your health, your responsibility." The program was held at Fantastic Gardens.

During the morning hours the entire community could have taken advantage of the Health Bus to do various physical checkups, among others:

- calculate BMI (Body Mass Index) which is an indication whether a person's height is equal to his weight
- check sugar
- check high blood pressure
- get advice on how to care for yourself, lose weight or increase weight.

There were also a number of lectures that persons could have attended. Yamila Hoevertsz-Kock was first to make a presentation. She spoke about the power of our thoughts and words with respect to our mental, emotional and physical health. Our attitude plays a major role in our emotional, mental and physical state. If when we wake in the morning and our first thought is negative regarding our health, this will affect our entire day negatively. In life we often get a lemon, but it is our decision if we want to add some sugar and make delicious lemonade, according to Yamila Hoevertsz.

Nutritionist of IBISA, Iraida Thijzen spoke about the importance of a balanced diet. She placed emphasis on the most important nutrients and liquid, carbohydrates, protein, fat, fiber, vitamins and minerals.

Mildred Wever spoke about physical exercise which helps keep the body fit but also the mind and our general

well being

Santa Rosa was also present with Randy Maduro along with Ludwig Rasmijn. They spoke about the different herbs that can help maintain our bodies healthy. They also provided tips on how to plant to produce fresh greens free of pesticides.

The interesting morning closed out with words from Consuela Cameron of the Mary Joan Foundation, who spoke about Breast Cancer. Mrs. Cameron offered lots of advice on how to prevent the disease of Breast cancer, as well as the importance of doing regular checkups.

Participants enjoyed an information-packed morning, were able to do certain physical checkups and also take home a bag full of valuable information and even some seeds to plant.

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4th annual Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup was a great weekend for ardent anglers

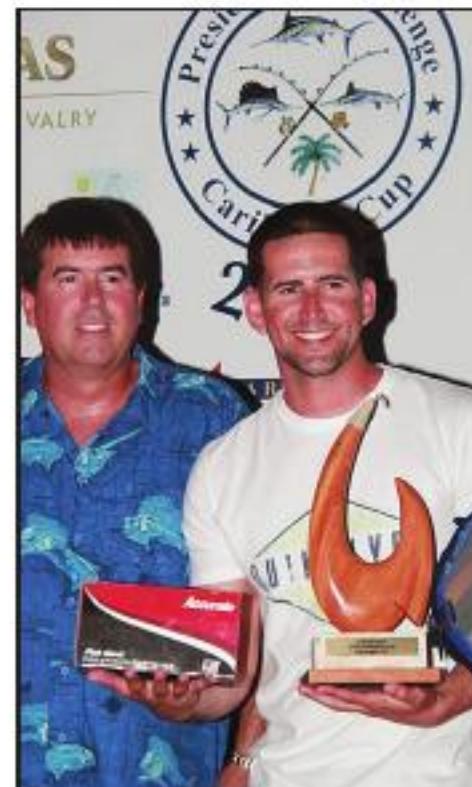
ORANJESTAD -- This past weekend, Aruba and the Varadero Marina again hosted an official event on the International Game Fishing Association (IGFA) circuit, the Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup. Returning to judge and MC the event was Captain Dan "The Mouth of the South" Kipnes, who has consistently promoted Aruba an ideal location for this tournament. It drew ardent billfish anglers from around the world, who enjoyed ideal conditions during this fourth edition of the popular tournament. A notable number of billfish were caught and released, as conservation and appreciation of the great fish is a constant theme of the IGFA events.

Captain Dan is also an ardent promoter of the Adopt-a-Billfish White Marlin Tagging Program from the BillFish

Foundation, which is also a supporter of Aruba's Catch and Release tournament. Such programs, which are monitoring billfish populations around the world, are now being conducted in 30 countries. Each year, they auction some valuable items at the Chivas Regal Cup to raise funds. This year featured the sale of some exceptional art carved of shed elk and deer horn antlers created by Captain Don.

Main sponsors of the event include Aruba Tourism Authority, Balashi and Renaissance as well as Surfside Marina, where the final dinner and award ceremonies are conducted. In appreciation for their continuing support, they were gifted with stunning lithographs by the tournament's official artist, Rick Bogart.

The First Place Boat purse



First Place Angler Eric Mansur Jr.

of \$10,000 went to the crew of the Naira, owned by Ruben "Bincho" Mansur, Jr. His crew consisted of Bancho Mansure, Yilson Ikiate and Jose Guanipa, who was the top angler for Day 1, and also won Overall Third Place. They caught a total of five blue marlin and two sailfish for the top score of 1,700 points.

Second Place Toroa Team won a \$6,500 purse in their first time fishing the Aruba Caribbean Cup. They had a grand slam on the final day, catching one of each of the great game fish, white and blue marlin, and a sailfish. Crewman Theo Bougie also made the last catch of the tournament at 3:55 PM on Sunday, and took home the trophy as the Second Place Angler.

Aruban charter boat Driftwood, owned by Herbie Merryweather, places consistently in the Caribbean Cup. This year they claimed the Third Place trophy. Crew included Hans Kaspersetz, Ed Arnold



Number one team from the Naira



Number two team Toroa from Grand Cayman



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The First Place Angler Award went to Eric Mansur Jr.

fishing on his father's boat, the Alina.

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ORANJESTAD, Aruba: Insurance Association of Aruba (IAA) organized a networking evening for all insurance employees in Aruba. This was meant to bring together under

one roof all staff and managers of insurance brokers as well as insurance Companies. While IAA meets regularly within the insurance companies on issues pertaining to the insurance industry, it is the vision of IAA to also meet the entire staff of insurance sector in Aruba at a regular interval. Such an interaction provides opportunity for the employees to get to know each other better and also exchange ideas in an informal setting.

The highlight of this year's event was a presentation from Dr. Manoj Vora, who has this year completed climbing all the 7 summits in all 7 continents around the world after reading the book 'Seven Summits' by Dick Bass & Frank Wells. For the last 10 years, this new found passion became a purpose of his life. He finally achieved this feat when he climbed Mt. Everest in May, 2013. Dr. Vora explained that spirituality played a major part in training his mind. It is always mind over body that pushes it to its limits. The lessons learnt are very valuable in insurance world of today. We need constantly the inner strength, mental power and physical endurance to carry out many demanding tasks in a service-oriented industry like ours.

IAA Board presented the speaker with an Aruban handicraft as a souvenir. Accompanying photos show the ambience of networking evening at Aruba Marriott Grand Ballroom.



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Subway invites the entire community to unite in this effort against breast cancer. Deposit your Yoplait covers in the drop boxes.

Around the world, October is awareness month for breast cancer, and is observed by means of different awareness campaigns and fund raising efforts.

Mary Joan Foundation's focus is on her patients who are cancer survivors. Together with the Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Fond they provide the necessary support to these cancer survivors.

It is our turn now as community to support this effort and contribute to a good cause!

4th annual Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup...

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The official observing team



Andrew Cox of the Billfish Foundation works to preserve the world pop of great game fish



Number three team of Driftwood



A gift of a Rick Bogart print to Hosts Eric and Diane Mansur

A total of 21 blue marlin, five white marlin and eight sailfish releases were observed by the official referee team. All were caught on 30 pound test line, which Captain Don expressed as "an amazing accomplishment" using non-effect circle hooks. Captain Don reports this policy of the Presidential Challenge Conservation Series

is having a very positive impact on the large game fish populations in the areas where the tournaments are conducted. 17 boats and 70 anglers participated in the event.

Finally, the tournament's organizers expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Eric Mansur, who prompted the event's move to Aruba from their former Venezuelan venue, and his wife Diane, who plays a large role in organizing the congenial social events and other important aspects of the annual tournament. They were also awarded a coveted Rick Bogart print.

Those interested in participating in one of the many Presidential Challenge Conservation Series fishing tournaments can sign up at www.preschallenge.com. Anyone interested in supporting the conservation efforts of the International Billfish Foundation can find information at www.billfish.org.



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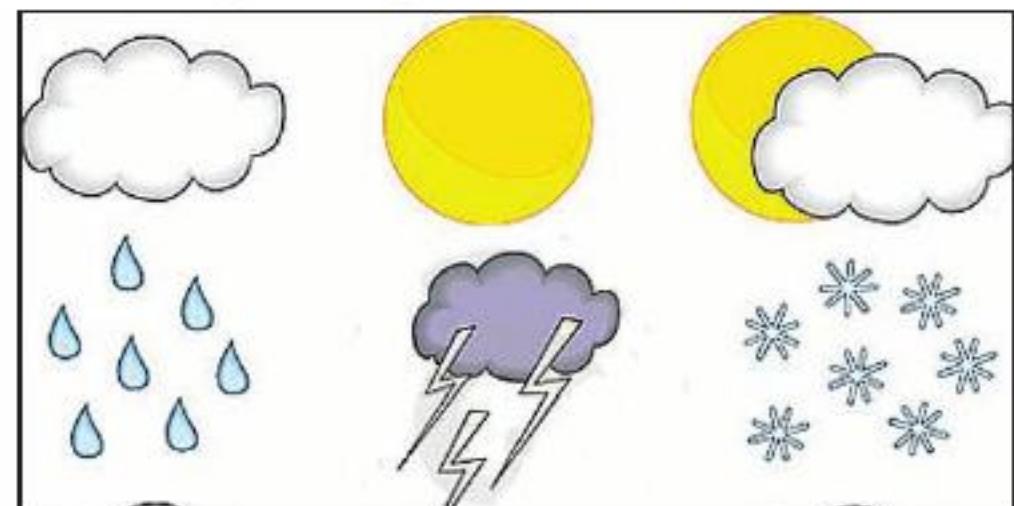
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Major Hurricane Raymond...

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Raymond is expected to move closer to the coast early today, but Mexican National Water Commission director David Korenfeld said the hurricane could be pushed westward out to sea if it comes into contact with a cold front.

The last Category Three hurricane to hit Mexico was the Atlantic storm Karl in 2010.

opened 34 shelters and closed schools in four municipalities, said state government secretary Jaime Mares Camarena.

Korenfeld warned that soil across the region was already saturated with water, increasing the chances of flooding and landslides.

In mid-September, Tropical Storm Manuel struck Guerrero,



Tropical Storm Raymond brought cloudy skies to Acapulco, Mexico, on Sunday, before it strengthened into a hurricane.



Authorities evacuated 400 people from the coastal municipality of Coyuca de Benitez, west of Acapulco, and another 400 further west in Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo due to the risk of landslides and floods, said Guerrero deputy director of civil protection Constantino Gonzalez Vargas.

The National Water Commission said Raymond could also dump torrential rains in neighboring Michoacan and soak several other states as well as Mexico City.

Michoacan authorities

while another weather system, Ingrid, slammed almost simultaneously into the opposite coast. The two storms claimed 157 lives and damaged the homes of 1.7 million people.

In Guerrero state alone, 5,000 people are still living in shelters due to the storm and 5,000 other families more may have to be relocated due to the previous storm.

Korenfeld said Mexico was on its way this year to breaking a record by being hit by eight named tropical storms or hurricanes -- four on each coast.

France, Mexico demand answers over US spying

PARIS (AFP) - France and Mexico yesterday angrily demanded swift explanations about fresh leaks by former US security contractor Edward Snowden, which alleged that the United States had spied on millions of phone communications.

French daily *Le Monde* reported that the US National Security Agency (NSA) secretly monitored 70.3 million phone communications in France over a 30-day period from December 10, 2012, to January 8.

German magazine *Der Spiegel* said the NSA had hacked into former Mexican president Felipe Calderon's email account.

The allegations come on top of revelations already leaked by Snowden -- who has sought refuge in Russia as the US seeks to try him for leaking classified information -- and published in June that the US had a vast, secret programme called PRISM to monitor Internet users.

French prosecutors are already investigating the programme, and French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said he was "deeply shocked" by the new revelations.

"It's incredible that an allied country like the United States at this point goes as far as spy-

Syria's Assad deals blow to US-Russia peace initiative

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria's President Bashar al-Assad dealt a blow to a US-Russian initiative for a peace conference, in an interview aired yesterday, saying the factors were not in place for it to be successful.

"No time has been set, and the factors are not yet in place if we want (the initiative dubbed Geneva 2) to succeed," Assad said.

"Which forces are taking part? What relation do these forces have with the Syrian people? Do these forces represent the Syrian people, or do they represent the states that invented them?" Assad asked in typically defiant fashion.

He accused Saudi Arabia of conducting the work of the United States in Syria and also demanded that the UN and Arab League envoy to Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, stick to his mandate and not follow orders from other countries. Brahimi is currently on a tour of the Middle East to drum up support for the peace conference.

ing on private communications that have no strategic justification, no justification on the basis of national defence," he told journalists.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, on a visit to Luxembourg, said US ambassador Charles Rivkin was summoned to his ministry early Monday.

"These kinds of practices between partners that harm privacy are totally unacceptable," he told reporters, adding France needed assurances that the United States was no longer monitoring its communications.

His comments were relayed to the US ambassador during the meeting, a ministry spokesman said -- the second time in less than four months that America's top representative in France has been hauled in over revelations about US snooping.

The latest leak could prove embarrassing for US Secretary of State John Kerry, who arrived in Paris yesterday for talks with Arab officials.

Fabius will raise the issue with him in talks today morning, the spokesman said. And a State Department official said Kerry would have "discussions with the French."

The White House and the NSA however brushed off the complaints, saying "all nations" conduct spying opera-

tions.

Der Spiegel also revealed Monday that US agents had hacked into the Mexican presidency's network, gaining access to Calderon's account.

According to the report, the NSA said this contained "diplomatic, economic and leadership communications which continue to provide insight into Mexico's political system and internal stability."

The agency reportedly said the president's office was now "a lucrative source."

Mexican authorities said they would be seeking answers from US officials "as soon as possible."

"This practice is unacceptable, illegitimate and contrary to Mexican law and international law," the foreign ministry said in a statement Sunday.

This is not the first time France and Mexico have been targeted under NSA spying allegations since information leaked by Snowden first emerged in June.

Mexico's current President Enrique Pena Nieto has already complained to Obama over reports US spies have gone through his emails.

And *Der Spiegel* reported last month that in 2010 the NSA monitored the internal computer network of France's diplomats and that of the foreign ministry.

Two dead, two injured in US school shooting

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A teacher was killed and two students critically injured in a school shooting yesterday in Nevada, which also left the schoolboy gunman dead, police and reports said.

The shooter, reported to be 13 or 14 years old, opened fire near a basketball court at the Sparks Middle School in Reno, a witness said.

"The one deceased is a staff member of the school," Washoe County School District police chief Mike Mieras told reporters, adding "The other deceased individual at this point in time appears to be a student-slash-suspect in this case."

Two students rushed to Renown Regional Hospital were listed in critical condition, said hospital spokeswoman Angela Rambo, cited by NBC news after the shooting at around 7:15 am (14:15 GMT).

Mieras said later that one of the students had gone through surgery, and the other was "doing well."

A teenage witness described seeing a fellow student, wearing school uniform, shoot a teacher in the chest.

"We were by the basketball court, and we heard a loud pop, and everybody was screaming," 13-year-old Kyle Nucum told the Reno Gazette Journal, saying a teacher went to investigate. "I thought it was a firecracker at first."

"The student was pointing a gun at the teacher, after the teacher told him to put it down... and then the student fired a shot at the teacher and the teacher fell and everybody ran away."

"We ran across the field to get somewhere safe, and while we were running we heard about four or five more shots."

US Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who represents Nevada, added: "My thoughts are with teachers, parents and students at Sparks Middle School who experienced a traumatic morning."

"Nevada mourns with them," he said on his Twitter feed.

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International News

Cuba, Venezuela slammed on press freedoms

DENVER (AFP) - Venezuelan journalists and a dissident Cuban blogger denounced press censorship and other forms of media control by their countries' leftist governments, at a conference here Sunday.

Speaking on the second day of a meeting of the Inter-American Press Association, award-winning Cuban blogger Yoani Sanchez said Cuban President Raul Castro in the past year has stepped up government crackdowns on free speech.

The crackdown has involved "violence carried out by pro-government mobs, intimidation, vandalism and the arrests of five (would-be) independent journalists," she said.

Cuban television, radio, newspapers and magazines are all state-run.

On a positive note, Sanchez hailed Twitter as "a great tool to report human rights violations in places that are under repressive regimes."

But she said that while Cas-

tro has opened cyber-cafe services to which Cubans can get paid access, most in the Caribbean nation of 11 million -- where the average salary is under \$20 a month -- cannot afford it.

State media remains all that most Cubans have access to, since "it is prohibitive for anybody to spend a third of their monthly salary on an hour of Internet time," she said.

Cuba does allow government members, scientists and educators Internet access at work but home service is not an option.

Even the most influential non-state actor in Cuba, the Catholic church, has not been able to get its own schools and media in Cuba.

Venezuelan journalists pointed to the close coordination between Cuba and Venezuela on its "revolutionary" state-run media, which has expanded while the privately owned media has withered under government pressure.

Miguel Enrique Otero, editor of Venezuela's independent El Nacional newspaper, complained in debates that Venezuela was subject to a "media hegemony ... born in and advised from Havana."

Otero cited the example of a newly created Strategic Center for the Protection and Security of the Homeland (CESPPA). The group, which reports to the president's office, is supposed to censor at will any information deemed sensitive to national security.

The two governments became close allies under the late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez, who extended a lifeline to Cuba's cash-strapped communist government by providing it with cut-rate oil and hard currency.

Cuba's biggest hard-currency export earner is the more than six billion dollars a year Caracas pays Havana for the services of thousands of Cuban doctors and other medical staff.

LARISSA (AFP) - A Roma couple were charged in Greece on Monday with abducting a young girl dubbed the "blonde angel", whose discovery has prompted thousands of calls from parents of missing children.

The couple -- a 39-year-old man and his 40-year-old wife -- were ordered detained by a court in Larissa, central Greece on charges of abducting the child, their lawyer Konstantinos Katsavos told AFP. Police found the blonde-haired, green-eyed girl named Maria in a Roma camp in the central town of Farsala on Wednesday, and the couple was arrested after DNA tests showed they were not related. While police believe the girl may have been abducted at birth, the couple claims she was given up by her biological mother, who they say is Bulgarian, because she could not raise her. Impoverished Roma families in Bulgaria are approached by traffickers who offer to pay 3,000 euros for a boy and 2,500 euros for a girl.



Dutch take Russia to maritime court over Greenpeace ship

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands said Monday it has taken Russia to the world's maritime court in order to free 30 crew members of Greenpeace's Arctic Sunrise, charged with piracy after protesting Arctic oil drilling.

"The (Dutch) state is asking for the freeing of the detained crew and the release of the Greenpeace ship," before the German-based International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), a statement said.

"Because the Netherlands find that the ship's release and the freeing of the crew is an urgent matter, it has now decided on this step," it added.

Russian authorities have charged the environmental group's crew members with piracy, which carries a 15-year sentence, after they staged a protest against Arctic oil drilling last month.

The activists from 18 different countries have been placed in pre-trial detention until late November in the northern Russian city of Murmansk.

Last week, a Murmansk court rejected several bail requests, ignoring a worldwide campaign to have the piracy charges dropped.

Although the Netherlands is calling for the crew to be freed, it has in the past also said Russia had the right to try them.

The Dutch government said it expected a hearing within the next two to three weeks before

the Hamburg-based tribunal.

The UN-backed tribunal based in the German northern port city opened its doors in 1994, shortly after the UN's Convention of the Law of the Sea came into force.

It has the power to make rulings based on the Convention, which spells out the law and rules governing the world's oceans, seas and resources.

The legal action before the tribunal is the second step in the Dutch government's attempt to have the Greenpeace activists released.

Earlier this month The Hague started legal action against Russia in the form of an arbitration process, but warned if no progress was made it would take the case to the maritime tribunal.

Russia now had to name an arbitrator before November 3, a step already taken by the Netherlands.

In total five arbitrators, including one from each country are needed to try and solve the case.

Should Russia not have named an arbitrator by November 3, the Netherlands "could ask the tribunal's president to name the outstanding four arbitrators," the statement said.

Based in Amsterdam, Greenpeace on Monday welcomed what it termed the "unusual step" by the Dutch government.

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India principal charged with murder over 23 school meal deaths



PATNA (AFP) - Indian police charged a school principal and her husband with murder on Monday over the deaths of 23 children who were poisoned by a mid-day meal which was contaminated with pesticide.

The children, aged four to 12, fell ill within minutes of eating the lunch of lentils, potatoes and rice cooked at their primary school in a poverty-stricken village in eastern Bihar state on July 16.

The superintendent of police in Saran district, Varun Kumar Sinha, told AFP by phone that headteacher Meena Devi and her husband Arjun Rai faced at least five charges including murder and attempt

to murder.

Police believe the poisoning was done deliberately by the couple, who purchased pesticide two days ahead of the tragedy and then stored the lethal chemical in the same room as cooking items.

"Police have filed a chargesheet in the court and appealed to the court for the speedy trial in the case," Sinha said.

The case shone a light on the often unhygienic and dangerous preparation of food for free mid-day school meals, a government programme intended to combat chronic malnutrition among Indian children.

Cholera kills 50 in northern Nigeria in a week

KANO (AFP) - Cholera has killed 50 people in northwest Nigeria in the past week, health officials said Monday, in the latest outbreak of the disease which has claimed thousands of lives across the country since 2010.

The latest infections struck Zamfara state where residents began drinking water directly from streams and untreated wells after a main water pipeline was forced to shut.

Cholera, a highly contagious intestinal infection, is transmit-

ted by water soiled by human waste. The disease leads to diarrhoea, dehydration and death if untreated.

Nigeria suffered cholera epidemics during the rainy seasons of 2010 and 2011, with nearly 2,000 people killed over two years.



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Yahoo hires "gadget geek" Pogue in tech news push

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Yahoo on Monday announced that it hired New York Times reporter David Pogue to head a grand expansion of consumer-focused technology news.

Pogue's hiring came as the faded Internet search star continued a quest to redefine itself as an online venue for "premier digital content."

"David will lead a major expansion of consumer tech coverage on Yahoo and will publish columns, blog posts and video stories that demystify the gadgets, apps and technology that powers our users's daily lives," chief executive Marissa Mayer said in a blog post.

Pogue's accomplishments include being a high-profile columnist for the New York Times, an author and an Emmy-winning television correspondent.

"He also just happens to be one of the nicest and most positive people I've met," Mayer said. "He has always been one of my favorite journalists."

Pogue, 50, has covered consumer technology for more than 25 years. Yahoo said that it will begin publishing Pogue's technology stories online by the end of this year.

"We all thrive on new experiences, and as someone who loves to build cool new stuff, I'm excited to jump in head first," Pogue said in a release.

Over 300 elephants poisoned in Zimbabwe park: wildlife group

HARARE (AFP) - More than 300 elephants and other animals have died of cyanide poisoning by poachers in Zimbabwe's largest game park, a wildlife conservation group said Monday.

"In July, around 300 elephants had died from cyanide poisoning in Hwange and were discovered by a group of hunters who flew over the area," Johnny Rodrigues, chairman of the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force told

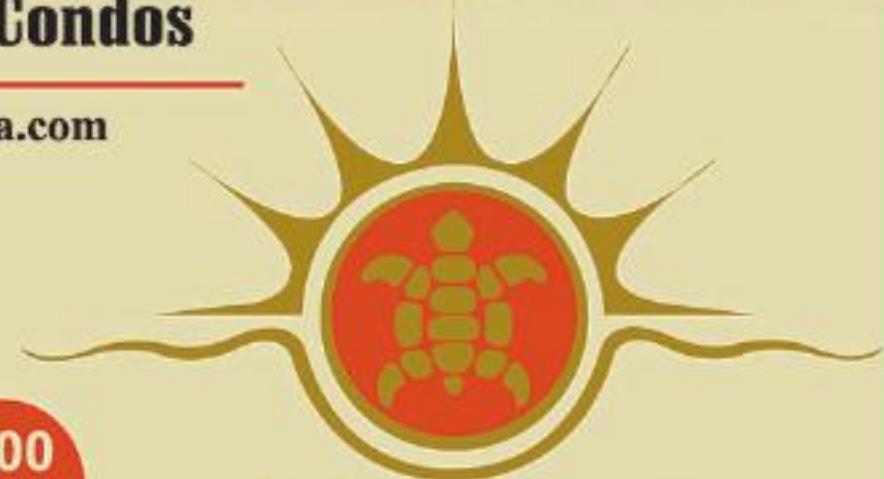
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He said other animals that have also been killed include lions, vultures, painted dogs and hyenas.

"The authorities only stepped in in September and by then the numbers had escalated. As at last week, about 325 had died altogether."

The parks and wildlife authority said last week that the death toll from poisoning was 100. Four poachers have been jailed for at least 15 years each

for the crime.

Rodrigues accused the authorities of downplaying the toll, adding that poaching masterminds often got off scot-free.

"The problem is that a big cover-up is going on," he said.

"Those who have been arrested and convicted are the small fry who are being used as scapegoats while the big and dangerous fish are untouched. These include politicians and big business people,"

said Rodrigues.

Police have given villagers living around the park until the end of October to hand over any cyanide they might have or risk arrest.

However, some traditional leaders from areas bordering the park have pleaded with the authorities to pardon those arrested for poaching, saying they were driven by poverty not greed.

Just 50 rangers patrol the 14,650-square kilometre

(5,660-square mile) park, and wildlife authorities say ten times that number are needed.

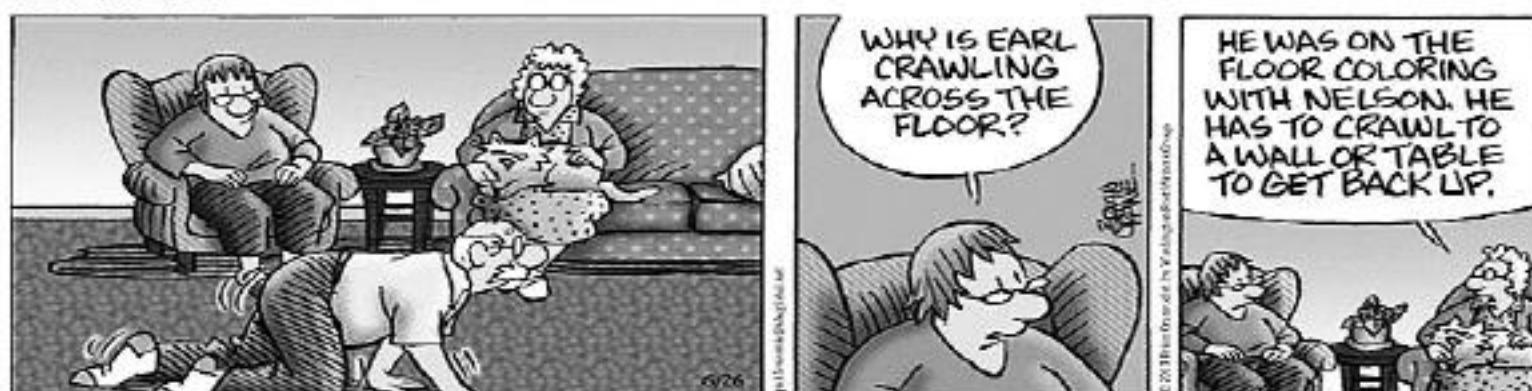
There are more than 120,000 elephants roaming Zimbabwe's national parks.

Elephant tusks and other body parts are prized in Asia and the Middle East for ornaments, as talismans, and for use in traditional medicine.

Wildlife experts estimate that the illegal international ivory trade is worth up to \$10 billion a year.

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FINANCE

US crude oil closes below \$100 in New York

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Oil prices sank to three-month lows yesterday after the US government said crude inventories had increased much more than expected, stoking concerns about demand in the world's largest economy.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate for delivery in November, fell \$1.59 from Friday's close to settle at \$99.22 a barrel -- its lowest level since July 1.

The European benchmark futures contract, Brent North Sea crude for December, finished at \$109.64 a barrel in London trade, down 30 cents.

The US Department of Energy said US crude inventories increased by 4.0 million barrels in the week ending October 11. Analysts had on average forecast a rise of 1.7 million barrels, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

The closely watched weekly report, which typically is re-

leased Wednesdays, had been postponed amid the October 1-16 partial government shutdown over a budget impasse in Congress.

On Wednesday the DoE will report the data for the week ending October 18.

Matt Smith, a commodity analyst for Schneider Electric, highlighted the prospects of ample supplies weighing on prices.

"WTI has dropped into double-digitdom for the first time since July. Meanwhile, Libya has five out of its nine oil ports and terminals back up and running, with 600,000 barrels a day of production," Smith said.

Meanwhile, US stocks yesterday ended little changed as investors took a breather after last week's hefty gains. At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 9.64 points (0.06 percent) to 15,390.01.

The broad-based S&P 500 was essentially flat, trading at

1,744.51, up 0.01 point, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index tacked on 5.77 (0.15 percent) at 3,920.18.

Yesterday's tepid performance came on the heels of last week's rally following a US budget deal late Wednesday that ended a partial government shutdown and an agreement on the debt ceiling that averted a default. All three stock indices ended the week solidly higher, with the S&P 500 notching a new record.



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Sweden	SEK	26.73	27.45	28.25
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Chinese pair, Shell, Total join Brazil to win oil auction

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - China's CNOOC and CNPC, Anglo-Dutch giant Royal Dutch Shell and France's Total joined Brazilian state operator Petrobras in a joint bid to win yesterday's auction to develop the huge Libra oil-field.

The four energy giants won 35-year concessions, with Petrobras taking a 40 percent stake. Shell and Total

both secured a 20 percent stake, with CNOOC and CNPC taking 10 percent each.

The foreign firms and Petrobras formed the only consortium to offer Brazil the minimum of 41.65 percent of oil to be extracted from the site, which holds an estimated eight to 12 billion barrels of oil.

The auction attracted 10 participants, but none from the United States. American firms were wary that Petrobras' central role in the field would lead to too much state intervention.

The concessions are for developing huge so-called "pre-salt" oil deposits found six years ago in deep water off Brazil's Atlantic coast.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Business jet sales to top \$18 billion as buyers seek bigger planes

NEW YORK - Sales of business jets are expected to reach \$18.4 billion this year, up about 8 percent from last year, a sign of further economic strengthening despite some pockets of weakness notably in Asia, according to a forecast by Honeywell Aerospace.

The forecast expects continued recovery from the economic low of 2009, and for growing demand for bigger jets with longer range, including those made by Bombardier Inc and Gulfstream, a unit of

General Dynamics Corp.

The higher cost of the bigger jets will keep overall spending moving higher even as actual number of jets sold is expected to be down about 1 percent compared with last year because of problems in the supply chain that hampered manufacturing, Honeywell said.

The survey forecast up to 9,250 new business jets will be delivered through 2023, worth more than \$250 billion.

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ING to unload 11.5 percent stake in US-based unit

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch banking and insurance giant ING yesterday took a step closer to separating with its US-based insurance arm, saying it planned on selling a further 11.5 percent of its shares in the unit.

The sale of some 30 million shares in ING US through an initial public offering will see the Amsterdam-based ING's stake fall from 71.0 to around 60.0 percent, the group said in a statement.

"ING Group intends to use the proceeds of the planned transaction for the reduction of the Group's core debt," it said.

The sale's final timing, size and offer price were yet to be determined and "remained subject to market and other

conditions," ING added.

On the New York Stock Exchange, ING US's share price fell by 1.75 percent to \$30.685 (22.84 euros) on Monday.

ING in May sold off more than a quarter of its stake in its US-based daughter company, hoping to raise an eventual 1.5 billion euros through the sale.

The deal is part of a drive by the group, the Netherlands' largest bank, to restructure its business as it continues to repay 10 billion euros in state aid, received in October 2008 during the height of the financial crisis.

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Uruguay to start selling marijuana next year: official



MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - Uruguay is planning to start selling marijuana legally next year, a top official said, though the Senate must still approve the proposed legislation.

The country is hoping to act as a potential test case for an idea slowly gaining steam across Latin America -- that the legalization and regulation of some drugs could sap the cartel violence devastating much of the region.

"The illegal market is very risky and offers poor quality," National Drug Board chief Jose Calzada was quoted as saying in Sunday's *El País* newspaper.

The state "will provide a safe place to buy, a good quality product and, moreover, will sell at a standard price."

The government proposes to sell marijuana for \$1 a gram, slightly below the current market rate that runs about 30 pesos (\$1.40) a gram.

By putting the government in charge of the marijuana industry, which is estimated to be worth \$30 million to \$40 million a year, the plan aims to curtail illegal trafficking and the violence that comes with it.

The proposed law would

allow people to cultivate up to six cannabis plants for their own use, belong to a membership club that could grow up to 99 plants, or buy the drug at pharmacies, with a limit of 40 grams a month per person.

In August, the bill, which is backed by President Jose Mujica's leftist government, was passed by the lower house of Uruguay's legislature.

It now awaits action by the Senate.

"It is expected the project will be approved in the next two weeks" by the Senate health committee, bringing it forward for a full Senate vote, committee member Luis Gallo told AFP Monday.

The project "will be enacted this year and will take effect practically the first day of January next year," Gallo said.

Including time it will take to cultivate the plants and prepare the drug for sale, the system should really take off by the second half of 2014, Calzada was quoted as saying by *El País*.

There are still legislative hurdles to overcome, including allocating money to pay a new director for the Institute for the Regulation and Control

of Cannabis, which wasn't included in this year's budget.

Opposition parties have also fought against the idea and a poll released over the summer found 63 percent of Uruguayans were against it.

Many opponents fear the legalization of cannabis would turn Uruguay into a pot tourism hub and encourage the use of stronger drugs.

But Mujica argues the current policies have failed and estimates Uruguay, a small country with just 3.3 million people, spends upwards of \$80 million a year on combating drugs but seizes just \$4 million to \$5 million worth of contraband.

Dutch dj Hardwell named best in the world, six Dutch djs in top 10



Yet another Dutch dj has been named best in the world by the readers of DJ Mag. Hardwell, from Breda, tops the magazine's new list of the world's best djs, easing fellow Dutchman Armin van Buuren from the number one slot.

Hardwell, real name Robert van de Corput, is 25, making him the youngest dj to take the title. The announcement was made during the Amsterdam Dance Event which is taking place at venues all over the city this weekend.

Six of the top 10 djs are Dutch. After Armin van Buuren in second place come Tiësto (4), Nicky Romero (7), Afrojack (9) and Dash Berlin (10). Van Buuren took the title five times.

Saudi rights abuses criticised at UN review



GENEVA (AFP) - Saudi Arabia came under fire again Monday over human rights abuses, including the death penalty and discrimination against women, days after refusing a seat on the United Nations Security Council.

Diplomats at a UN review of Saudi Arabia's human rights record condemned the oil-rich kingdom's failure to abolish a system requiring women to seek permission from male relatives to do basic things such as leave the country, and also criticised a continued ban on driving for women.

Saudi Arabia should "put an end to the system of male guardianship for adult women," the representative for Switzerland said, echoing a recommendation made by many of the 104 states that took part in the Universal Periodic Review of the country before the UN Human Rights Council.

The review came days after Saudi Arabia rejected a seat on the UN Security Council, saying the diplomatic body had failed in its responsibility towards the Arab world.

Bandar bin Mohammad al-Aiban, who heads Saudi Arabia's Human Rights Commission and led the country's delegation in Geneva, said

the country had made progress since its first such review in 2009.

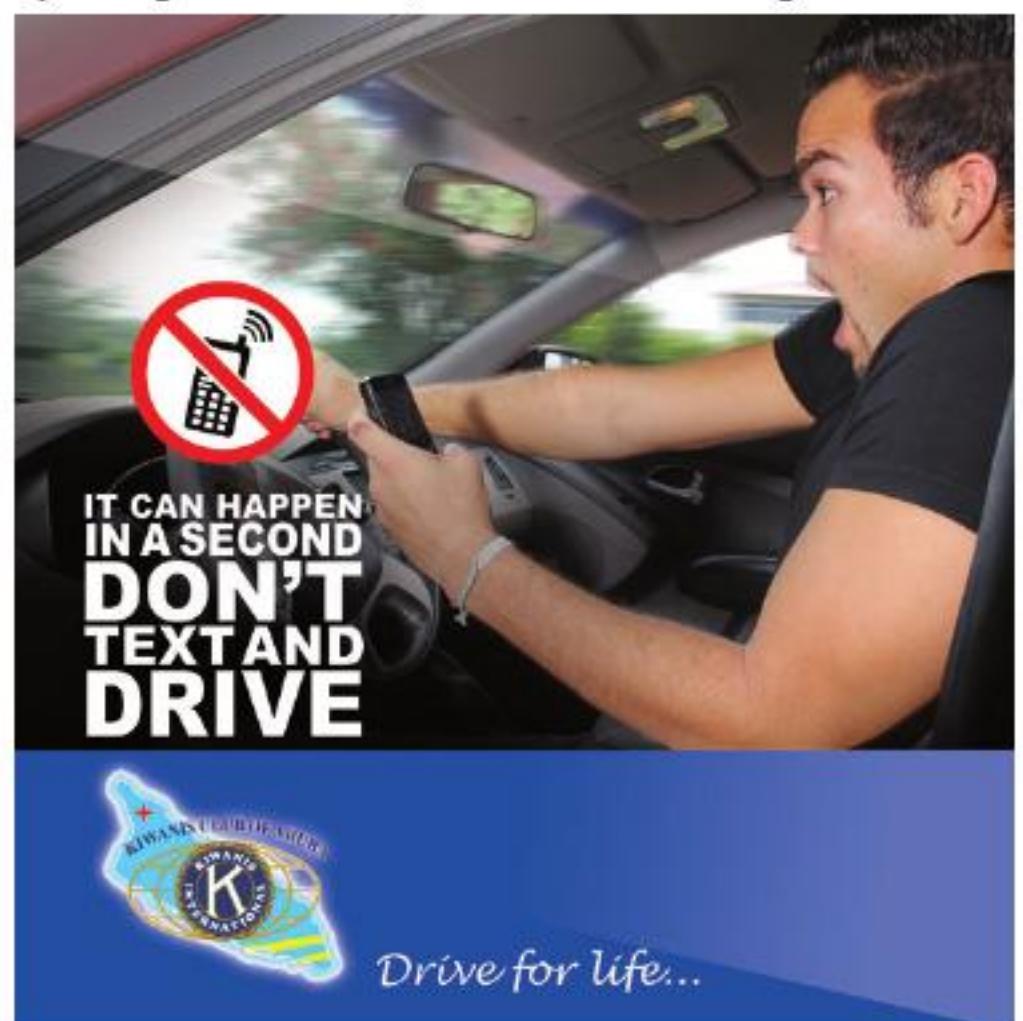
He said Saudi Arabia had for instance allocated a minimum of 20 percent of seats on its Shura Council -- an advisory body that can propose law changes to the king -- to women.

But rights activists disagreed.

"Many countries have problematic records, but Saudi Arabia stands out for its extraordinary high levels of repression and its failure to carry out its promises to the Human Rights Council," Joe Stork, Human Rights Watch deputy director for the Middle East, said in a statement.

Diplomats hailed some progress, including Saudi Arabia's decision to join several international human rights conventions and steps to combat corruption, but expressed deep concern over Saudi Arabia's continued use of the death penalty, including for crimes committed by minors.

Diplomats also urged Saudi Arabia to do more to protect migrant workers. Because of a system barring them from switching employers without permission, migrants often find themselves vulnerable to abuses including forced labour.



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sundry to their proud undertaking. 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-

most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef

demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

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SPORTS

NFL: Colts spoil Manning's return to Indy



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Quarterback Andrew Luck stole the show on a night when the Indianapolis Colts paid homage to their former hero Peyton Manning.

Luck tossed three touchdown passes and ran for another in the Colts' 39-33 win Sunday over the Denver Broncos in Manning's return to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The Colts released Manning, 37, in March, and the quarterback joined the Denver Broncos.

The game marked Manning's return to Indianapolis for the first time since his departure.

The Colts faithful cheered Manning as a tribute video was played when Denver came out of the tunnel prior to the game. Manning waved and thanked the crowd following the conclusion of the video.

Luck and Indianapolis' rock solid defense spoiled Manning's night and snapped the Broncos' 17-game regular season winning streak.

Manning was 29-of-49 for 386 yards with three touchdowns and an interception.



BOSTON (AFP) - Manager John Farrell #53 of the Boston Red Sox watches his team take batting practice during the workout prior to the start of the World Series yesterday at Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

Weightlifting: Tunisia withdraw from worlds after doping blow

TUNIS (AFP) - The Tunisian Weightlifting Federation (FTH) confirmed on Monday their team had pulled out of the world weightlifting championships underway in Poland after two lifters failed drugs tests.

FTH technical director Mohamed Ben Amor said that Khalil Mouaouia and Ramzi Bahloul had returned positive tests for unspecified banned substances.

"It's a psychological blow for the rest of the team, we understood that they couldn't achieve good results (in the circumstances)," he added.

The pair are awaiting an international sanction.

Boxing: World champ Hernandez to defend title against Alekseev

BERLIN (AFP) - World cruiserweight champion Yoan Pablo Hernandez will defend his IBF title against Russian mandatory challenger Alexander Alekseev in Bamberg, Germany, on November 23, it was announced on Friday.

Cuba's Hernandez, who is based in Germany, will be defending the title he won two years ago against America's Steve Cunningham for a third time.

Hernandez, who is based in Halle, east Germany, had been due to fight Eric Fields of the USA in February, but a hand injury ruled him out.

Hernandez has 13 knock-outs from 27 wins with his only defeat coming against Guyana's Wayne Braithwaite back in 2008.

"Finally I have my next title defence scheduled," said the 28-year-old Cuban.

"I already wanted to fight this February, but I broke my left hand in sparring."

"After such a long break I see some hard work coming up against Alekseev."

Alekseev, who has a record of 20 knock-outs in 24 wins with just two defeats, is looking forward to his title shot.



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Football: Mourinho hit with FA charge after Cardiff clash

LONDON (AFP) - Jose Mourinho was charged with improper conduct by the Football Association on Monday after being sent to the stands during Chelsea's 4-1 win over Cardiff

those he sat next to, but his own frustration was clear.

Earlier in the match, Chelsea's Eden Hazard had scored a controversial equaliser after Samuel Eto'o dispossessed Cardiff's David Marshall as the goalkeeper bounced the ball, contrary to FIFA rules.

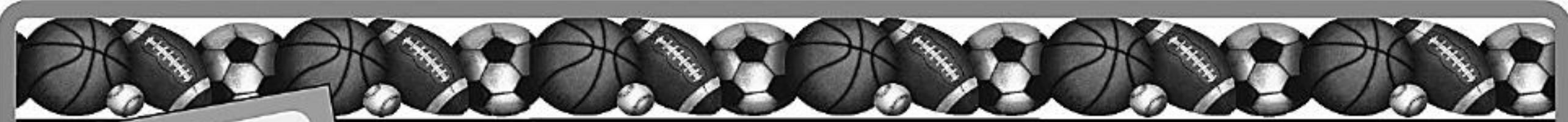
The former Real Madrid boss has been given until 1700GMT on Thursday to respond to the charge.

The nature of the offence means Mourinho is most likely to face a fine, rather than a ban.



BASEL (AFP) - Roger Federer, who has slipped to sixth in the ATP rankings, opened his Swiss Indoors campaign with a 6-4, 6-2 first round win over Adrian Mannarino at his home town of Basel on Monday. The five-time Basel champion needs to put up superhuman efforts this week as well as the upcoming Paris Masters if he is to secure one of four spots remaining in the eight-man field at the World Tour Finals in London next month. Federer, seeded third behind holder Juan Martin del Potro and Czech Tomas Berdych, is duelling for the spot at the finals with compatriot and US Open finalist Stanislas Wawrinka, who stands a provisional seventh in the points race with his famed compatriot a mere five points adrift on eighth.





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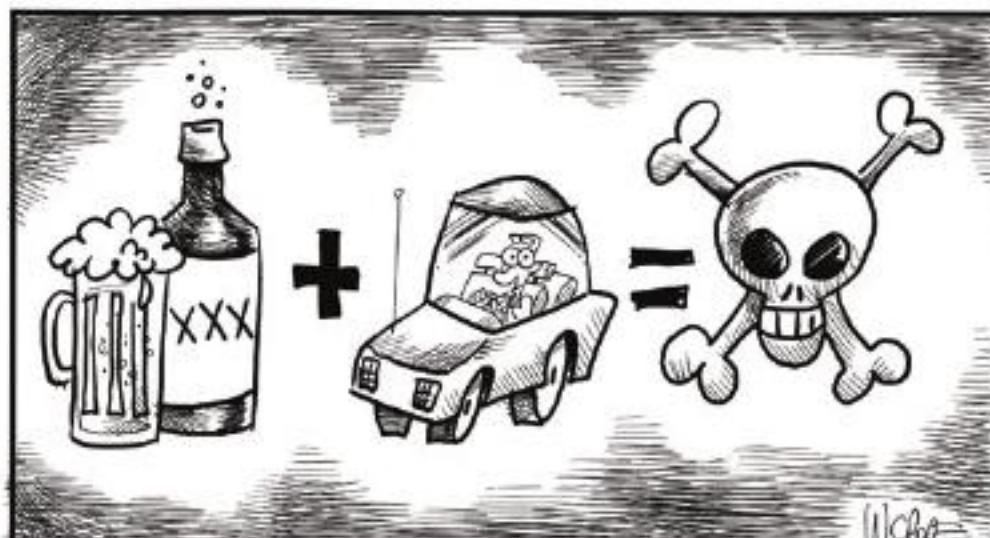
Aruba has two male players, Mitchell Daniel and Eargenell de Cuba. They are both competing in the Playa circuit of NORCECA, and are occupying the top 15 spot in the Caribbean region.



Then, there are two female players, Jexylane Trimon and Julianne Dorothal, as well as two other male players, namely, Dwayne Angela and Vanash Daswani who will be representing Aruba in the *Juegos Deportivos Escolares Centro America del*

Caribe, which will take place in Armenia, Colombia.

The Subsidy Commission of the Lotto pa Deporte Foundation supports all sorts of sports and is certainly supporting the Beach Volley Ball sport.



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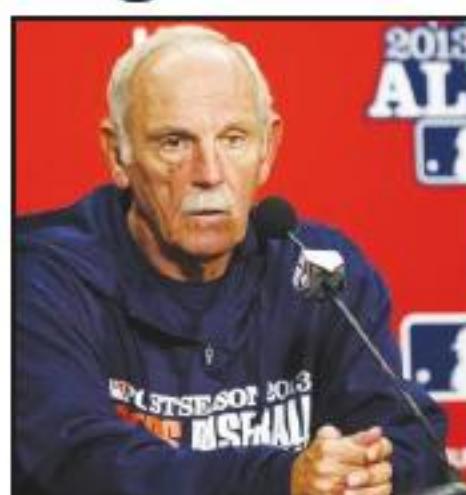
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Leyland low on fuel, steps down as Tigers manager



American League Central title for the third straight year, but lost to Boston in the AL Championship Series.

"It's been a thrill," added Leyland, who said he would take a different post with the Tigers but didn't want to be in the dugout anymore.

Leyland said he had decided he wouldn't manage another season in September, but told few people, including his wife and Detroit general manager Dave Dombrowski.

Leyland said he told his players after their season was ended by the Red Sox on Saturday.

Leyland admitted that the six-game loss to the Red Sox in the American League title series "really hurt".

"I felt like we let one get away, that's what hurt more than anything else," he said.

"With all due respect to the Boston Red Sox, they earned it. I truly believe the Detroit Tigers should be playing (in the World Series)."

Leyland also managed the Pittsburgh Pirates for 11 seasons, the Florida Marlins for two years and the Colorado Rockies for one.

DETROIT (AFP) - Jim Leyland is stepping down as manager of the Detroit Tigers, a move he decided on in September and not after their elimination from the play-offs at the weekend.

"It's time," Leyland said Monday at a press conference. "The fuel was starting to get low. It's time to turn it over to somebody else."

In eight seasons at the helm Leyland guided the Tigers to four play-off appearances and two American League pennants.

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Alberto Klaber of Brazil Taekwondo is now a Hall of Famer!

-- Last Friday evening in Las Vegas, the 4th Hall of Fame of Taekwondo saw Alberto Klaber of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation be inducted into the Hall of Fame of Taekwondo.

This was a great surprise for Alberto. His certificate was presented by Master Comte Saved Najem, who is the CEO of the Next Social Network www.alikeU.com.

There were more than 250 invitees present for the occasion and these came from around the world. The host of the evening was stunt woman Dana Hee.

She acted as stuntwoman for movies such as Batman, Spiderman, Terminator, Robocop and others.

Many are asking how come Alberto Klaber and from Aruba? Alberto Klaber has a long history in Taekwondo.

He represented Holland in the years '88-92 winning Korea, Belgium, 3rd for Europe, 2 in the Denmark Open, 3rd in the South American Games Taekwondo and many more. In 1994 he began the foundation on Aruba and took children to different countries to represent Aruba.

He is currently assembling an album with the best shots



of Taekwondo for Calendar 2014. Wherever he goes he promotes Taekwondo and Aruba.

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